

SCSI over FCP for Linux on System z Roundup

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Agenda



- Introduction to FCP on System z
- FCP with Linux on System z
- IPL over FCP
- SCSI dump
- Multipathing
 - Multipathing for root file system
- NPIV



FCP in a Nutshell



- Storage Area Networks (SANs) are specialized networks dedicated to the transport of mass storage data
- Today the most common SAN technology used is Fibre Channel Protocol (FCP)
- With this technology the SCSI protocol is used to address and transfer raw data between the servers and the storage device
- Each server is equipped with a least one adapter which provides the physical connection to the SAN
- For System z any supported FCP adapter, such as FICON Express or FICON Express2 can be used for this purpose.
- The Fibre Channel (FC) standard was developed by the National Committee of Information Technology Standards (NCITS)



Why FCP?



- Performance advantages
 - concurrent I/O to same device
 - no ECKD emulation/ no FICON protocol
- No disk size restrictions
- Up to 15 partitions (16 minor numbers per device)
- SCSI disks do not waste disk space (no low-level formatting)

- System z integration in existing FC SANs
- Use of existing FICON infrastructure
 - FICON Express adapter cards
 - FC switches / Cabling
 - Storage subsystems
- Dynamic configuration
 - Adding of new storage subsystems possible without IOCDS change
- Does NOT require more CPU than FICON

SAN topologies and System z





FCP channel and subchannel





World Wide Port Names (WWPNs)





Storage devices and servers attach through Fibre Channel ports (called N_Ports).

An N_Port is identified by its World-Wide Port Name (WWPN).

For redundancy, servers or storage may attach through several N_Ports.

> sample WWPN: 0x5005076303000104

Logical Unit Numbers (LUNs)





Navigating in a SAN





SCSI compared to Channel I/O



- SCSI / FCP
 - adapter defined in System z I/O configuration
 - Ports and LUNs attachment handled in Operating Systems
 - Multipathing handled in Operating System
 - No disk size restrictions for SCSI disks
 - Additional configuration outside System z necessary
 - Zoning in the SAN fabric
 - LUN masking on the storage server

- Channel I/O
 - device defined in System z I/O configuration
 - Ports attachment handled in System z I/O config
 - Multipathing handled in System z firmware
 - Disk size restrictions to Mod 54 / Mod 224
 - Switch configuration via System z I/O config

zfcp: Getting started



- Configure a Fibre Channel host adapter within the mainframe (I/O Definition File).
- Configure zoning for the Fibre Channel host adapter to gain access to desired target ports within a SAN.
 - Segmentation of a switched fabric is achieved though zoning. It can be used to partition off certain portions of the switched fabric, allowing only the members of a zone to communicate with that zone.
- Configure LUN masking for the Fibre Channel host adapter at the target device to gain access to desired LUNs.
 - A LUN represents a portion of a controller, such as a disk device. With the use of LUNs, a controller can be logically divided into independent partitions. Access to this LUNs can be restricted to distinctive WWPNs as part of the controller configuration
- In Linux, configure target ports and LUNs of the SCSI device at the target port for use of zfcp.
- Note: If the Fibre Channel host adapter is directly attached to a target device (point-to-point connection), step 2 is not needed.



Hardware: Define FCP adapter in IOCDS

```
CHPID PATH= (CSS(0, 1, 2, 3), 51), SHARED,
                                                                    *
      NOTPART = ((CSS(1), (TRX1), (=)), (CSS(3), (TRX2, T29CFA), (=))) *
      , PCHID=1C3, TYPE=FCP
CNTLUNIT CUNUMBR=3D00,
                                                                    *
      PATH = ((CSS(0), 51), (CSS(1), 51), (CSS(2), 51), (CSS(3), 51)), *
      UNIT=FCP
IODEVICE ADDRESS=(3D00,001), CUNUMBR=(3D00), UNIT=FCP
IODEVICE ADDRESS=(3D01,007), CUNUMBR=(3D00),
                                                                    *
      PARTITION=((CSS(0),T29LP11,T29LP12,T29LP13,T29LP14,T29LP*
      15), (CSS(1), T29LP26, T29LP27, T29LP29, T29LP30), (CSS(2), T29*
      LP41, T29LP42, T29LP43, T29LP44, T29LP45), (CSS(3), T29LP56, T2*
      9LP57, T29LP58, T29LP59, T29LP60)), UNIT=FCP
IODEVICE ADDRESS=(3D08, 056), CUNUMBR=(3D00),
                                                                    *
      PARTITION=((CSS(0),T29LP15),(CSS(1),T29LP30),(CSS(2),T29*
      LP45), (CSS(3), T29LP60)), UNIT=FCP
```





zfcp: Configuration



chccwdev -e 0.0.1900

cat /var/log/messages
zfcp: The adapter 0.0.1900 reported the following characteristics:
WWNN 0x5005076400c3c03f, WWPN 0x5005076401a28753, S_ID 0x00687700,
adapter version 0x4, LIC version 0xb02, FC link speed 4 Gb/s
zfcp: Switched fabric fibrechannel network detected at adapter 0.0.1900.



zfcp: Configuration (cont'd)



```
#lszfcp -D
0.0.1900/0x5005076303000104/0x40214000000000 0:0:0:1
# lsscsi
[0:0:0:1] disk IBM 2107900 1.50 /dev/sda
Manually disabling a scsi device from current configuration
# echo 1 > /sys/bus/scsi/devices/0:0:0:1/delete
# echo 0x402140000000000
> /sys/bus/ccw/drivers/zfcp/0.0.1900/0x5005076303000104/unit_remove
# echo 0x5005076303000104
> /sys/bus/ccw/drivers/zfcp/0.0.1900/port_remove
# chccwdev -d 1900
```



SLES: GUI-Setup



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E Add New ZFCP Disk
C <u>h</u> annel Number
0.0.3c1b 🖌
0x500507630300c562
ECP-LUN
0x00000000000000000 ▼
Help Abo <u>r</u> t <u>B</u> ack <u>N</u> ext

- zfcp dialog in YaST simplifies setup of SAN attached devices
- Auto detects available FCP subchannels, WWPNs, and LUNs
- *copy&paste* WWPNs and FCP_LUNs from configuration file obtained from SAN management tools or administrator

- alternatively on command line
 - SLES 10: /etc/sysconfig/hardware/hwcfg-zfcp-bus-ccw-0.0.*
 - SLES 11: $zfcp_{host|disk}_configure \rightarrow /etc/udev/rules.d/51-zfcp-0.0.*.rules$

RHEL: GUI-Setup



- Ignore subsequent complaints in case of DASD-less system.
- GUI only available during installation. Later define FCP devices in /etc/zfcp.conf for permanent addition.

VNC: Red Hat Enter	prise Linux Server 5 installation on host h4245013.boebli 💶 🗆 🗙
RED HAT	E LINUX 5
Installation requires partit	Add FCP device
reasonable for most users to use this or create your	zSeries machines can access industry-standard SCSi devices via Fibre Channel (FCP). You need to provide a
Remove linux partitions	16 bit device number, a 64 bit World Wide Port Name (WWPN), and a 64 bit FCP LUN for each device.
Select the drive(s) to	
	X Cancel Add
Adva	
Review and modify par	titioning layout
Release Notes	⊕ <u>B</u> ack ☐ <u>N</u> ext

cat /etc/zfcp.conf 0.0.170e 0x5005076300c18154 0x401040200000000 # cat /etc/modprobe.conf [...] alias scsi_hostadapter zfcp # /sbin/zfcpconf.sh



zfcp: toolchain



- Isscsi
 - Uses information in sysfs to list scsi devices (or hosts) currently attached to the system

[0:0:0:0]disk IBM 2107900 1.50 /dev/sda

Iszfcp

- Iszfcp provides information contained in sysfs about zfcp adapters, ports and units and its associated scsi_hosts, fc_hosts, fc_remote_ports and scsi_devices.
- The default is to list busids of all zfcp adapters and their corresponding SCSI host name
 - # lszfcp -H shows information about hosts
 - 0.0.170e host0
 - # lszfcp -P

- shows information about ports
- 0.0.170e/0x500507630300c562 rport-0:0-0
- # lszfcp -D shows information about SCSI devices

0.0.170e/0x500507630300c562/0x401040200000000 0:0:0:0 **SHARE** in Boston

zfcp: SCSI Disk Usage



fdisk /dev/sda

Command (m for help): p

Disk /dev/sda: 5368 MB, 5368709120 bytes 166 heads, 62 sectors/track, 1018 cylinders Units = cylinders of 10292 * 512 = 5269504 bytes

Device BootStartEndBlocksIdSystem/dev/sda111018523859783Linux# mke2fs -j /dev/sda1



FCP Multipathing





2 paths to disk through independent FCP adapters and independent controllers.

Multipathing for disks



- Multipathing is mandatory for FCPattached SCSI disks
- In general there are two reasons for establishing multiple paths to a device
 - failover and failback capabilities for high availability
 - each controller or node might be unavailable
 - hardware maintenance
 - microcode updates
 - internal resets
 - load balancing for high performance (throughput)
 - spread I/O load across available paths

- device-mapper (kernel) multipathing
 - Included with standard distributions (SLES and RHEL)
 - supports more than 2 paths
- multipathd daemon
 - reads configuration and establishes setup
 - identifies and groups available paths automatically
 - reestablishes paths (failback)
 - checks paths periodically
- multipath tool that allows the user to configure and manage multipathed devices.
- kpartx for partitions on multipath devices

Multipathing for disks - Linux device mapper The device mapper creates one block device for the LUN /dev/mapper/xxx /dev/mapper/36005076303ffc56200000000000010cc unique WWID dm multipath (World-Wide Identifier) from /dev/sdb /dev/sda storage server identifies volume Linux SCSI layer, zfcp FCP adapter 1 FCP adapter 2

zfcp setup for multipathing



- Have multiple paths to one disk
- Avoid shared components in different paths

cd /sys/bus/ccw/drivers/zfcp/ # echo 1 > 0.0.3c00/online # echo 1 > 0.0.3d00/online # echo 0x500507630313c562 > 0.0.3c00/port_add # echo 0x500507630303c562 > 0.0.3d00/port_add # echo 0x401040cc0000000 > 0.0.3c00/0x500507630313c562/unit_add # echo 0x401040cc0000000 > 0.0.3d00/0x500507630303c562/unit_add

usually same FCP LUN (check on storage server)

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different adapters and different ports to avoid single points of failures

zfcp setup for multipathing (cont'd)



- zfcp and SCSI report each path as device
- multipathing happens on higher layer

lsscsi [0:0:0:0] disk IBM 2107900 2.27 /dev/sda [1:0:1:0] disk IBM 2107900 2.27 /dev/sdb # lszfcp -D 0.0.3c00/0x500507630313c562/0x401040cc0000000 0:0:0:0 0.0.3d00/0x500507630303c562/0x401040cc0000000 1:0:1:0



Multipathing for disks -SLES 10 and SLES 11



- add all paths to system
 - YaST or edit /etc/sysconfig/hardware/hwcfg-zfcp-* (SLES 10)
 - hwup zfcp-bus-ccw-0.0.3c00
 - zfcp_{host|disk}_configure (SLES 11)
- cp /usr/share/doc/packages/multipathtools/multipath.conf.synthetic /etc/multipath.conf
 - Make sure there is an appropriate device entry for your SAN
- enable device scanning and multipathd
 - chkconfig multipathd on
 - chkconfig boot.multipath on
- reboot or manually start multipath scripts
 - /etc/init.d/boot.multipath start
 - /etc/init.d/multipath start

Multipathing for disks - RHEL5



- attach all paths to system
 - /etc/zfcp.conf
 - /sbin/zfcpconf.sh or reboot
- Adjust /etc/multipath.conf
- chkconfig --add multipathd
- /etc/init.d/multipathd start

- user_friendly_names and aliases
 - /dev/mapper/mpath0 instead of /dev/mapper/36005076303ffc56 20000000000010ce
- But: WWID is unique, alias maybe not
 - mapping depends on config file
- Recommendation: Use WWIDs

```
# cat /etc/multipath.conf
...
blacklist {
    devnode "^(ram|raw|loop|fd|md|dm-|sr|scd|st)[0-9]*"
    devnode "^hd[a-z][[0-9]*]"
    devnode "^cciss!c[0-9]d[0-9]*[p[0-9]*]"
    devnode "^dasd[a-z]+[0-9]*"
}
...
```

DM multipathing status





- No config file necessary to get started
- Defaults are good for availability
 - Storage Controller specific settings used as defaults
 - can be overwritten e.g. for load balancing

Multipathing - policies



- failover
 - First path is used as long as it is available no failback
 - Recommended for DS8000
 - consider load balancing during configuration
- multibus / round robin
 - All paths are used alternatively at same priority
 - Round robin parameter adjustable
 - May imply congestion on selected paths.
- group_by_prio
 - A priority_callout is used to determine priority of each path
 - Default for DS6000 preferred pathing (via ALUA callout)
 - Can be (ab)used for load distribution

Root Filesystem on Multipath



Required for root filesystem on SCSI disk Multipath setup has to be available early from initrd Starting with RHEL 5.2 and SLES 11 installers support install on multipath device

Partly requires special boot flags in parm file on IPL of installer → please see distro documentation on installation and multipath storage

Issues:

For older distros, where installers don't support install on multipath device:

install on single path and change setup later

zipl does not work on multipath device

Use additional single-path device for /boot

(SCSI or DASD)





2 devices for / and /boot

▼	schmichr@schmichrtp:~			_ 🗆 🗙
Fil	e Edit View Terminal Tab	os Help		
*	YaST @ 9.152.37.202			Press F1 for Help
	Configured ZFCP Disks In this dialog, manage ZFCP disks on your system. To configure a new ZFCP disk, click Add. To remove a configured ZFCP disk, select it and click Delete. Warning When accessing a ZFCP device READ/WRITE, make sure that this access is exclusive. Otherwise there is a potential risk of data	Configured ZFCP Minimum Channel 0x0000 Channel Number 0.0.3c00 0.0.3c00 [Add][Delete]	Disks Maximum Cha 0xffff WWPN 0x500507630310c562 0x500507630310c562	annel [Filter] 2fcp-LUN 0x401040cc00000000 0x401040cd000000000
-			[C ancel]	[Next]



/, /boot and swap filesystems





initial boot via disk for /boot

▼ x3270-4 t6360008	_ 🗆 ×
File Options	
00: 00: CP SET LOADDEV PORTNAME 50050763 03: 00: 00: CP IPL 3C00	LOC562 LUN 401040CD 00000000
00: HCPLDI2816I Acquiring the machine lo 00: HCPLDI2817I Load completed from the 00: HCPLDI2817I Now starting the machine 01: HCPGSP2630I The virtual machine is p	pader from the processor controller. processor controller. e loader. placed in CP mode due to a SIGP stop and
store status from CPU 00. 00: MLOEVL012I: Machine loader up and ru 00: MLOPDM003I: Machine loader finished, Linux version 2.6.16.60-0.9-default (gee 5 (SUSE Linux)) #1 SMP Mon Mar 17 17:16:	nning (version 0.18). moving data to final storage location. wko@buildhost) (gcc version 4.1.2 2007011 31 UTC 2008
We are running under VM (64 bit mode) Detected 2 CPU's Boot cpu address 0 Built 1 zonelists	
Kernel command line: root=/dev/disk/by-: -part1 TERM=dumb	d/scsi-36005076303ffc56200000000000010cc

set loaddev for port and lun,

ipl from FCP adapter



system with single path setup after installation

dedicated disk for /boot

mount

/dev/sda1 on / type ext3 (rw,acl,user_xattr) /dev/sdb1 on /boot type ext3 (rw,acl,user_xattr) [...]

lsscsi [0:0:0:1087127568]disk IBM 2107900 2.27 /dev/sda [0:0:0:1087193104]disk IBM 2107900 2.27 /dev/sdb

lszfcp -D 0.0.3c00/0x500507630310c562/0x401040cc0000000 0:0:0:1087127568 0.0.3c00/0x500507630310c562/0x401040cd0000000 0:0:0:1087193104





add second path for root filesystem

create /etc/sysconfig/hardware/hwcfg-zfcp-bus-ccw-0.0.3d00

```
[...]
ZFCP_LUNS="
0x500507630310c562:0x401040cc0000000"
```

attach second path (trigger hwup scripts or reboot)

chccwdev -d 3d00
Setting device 0.0.3d00 offline
Done
modprobe vmcp
vmcp det 3d00
FCP 3D00 DETACHED
vmcp att 3d00 *
FCP 3D00 ATTACHED TO T6360008 3D00



enable multipath services for next reboot

chkconfig --add boot.multipathboot.multipath0:off 1:off 2:off 3:off 4:off 5:off 6:off B:on# chkconfig --add multipathd0:off 1:off 2:off 3:on 4:off 5:on 6:off

change kernel parameters line in /etc/zipl.conf

parameters = "root=/dev/mapper/36005076303ffc5620000000000000000c-part1 TERM=dumb 3"





switch boot process to use multipath device for root

create new initrd with multipath tools # mkinitrd -f mpath

don't forget to run zipl # zipl

reboot

t6360008:~ # mount /dev/mapper/36005076303ffc562000000000000000c-part1 on / type ext3 (rw,acl,user_xattr) [...] SHARE in Boston





SCSI IPL



- The traditional initial program load (IPL) process relies on accessing a device using System z channel attachment
- For IPL from a FCP-attached device, this is not possible
- SCSI IPL expands the set of IPL'able devices
 - SCSI disks as Linux boot file system possible
- New set of IPL parameters
- Requires to address the SCSI disk
 - FCP adapter id
 - Remote port
 - LUN
- LPAR and z/VM guests supported
- SCSI (IPL) with z/VM
 - z/VM Version 4.4 (PTF UM30989) or newer
 - z/VM Version 5.3 (current version)

SCSI-IPL example LPAR



🕲 LNXHMC5: Load - Iceweasel		
https://lnxhmc5/hmc/content?task	Id=2532&refresh=4967	<u>☆</u>
Coad - H05:H05LP37		
CPC: Image: Load type Store status Load address Load parameter Time-out value Worldwide port name Logical unit number Boot program selector Boot program selector Boot record logical block address Operating system specific load parameters	H05:H05LP37 ONormal O Clear O SCSI O SCSI dump 1700 500507630300C562 401040B30000000 0 0	60 to 600 seconds
Done		Inxhmc5 😝



SCSI IPL: z/VM



Note the hexadecimal format with a blank separating the first 8 from the final 8 digits set loaddev port(50050763 0300C562) lun 40104020 0000000 Ready; T=0.01/0.01 22:11:01 LUN **WWPN** query loaddev PORTNAME 50050763 0300C562 LUN 40104020 0000000 BOOTPROG 0 0000000 0000000 BR LBA Ready; T=0.01/0.01 22:11:06 is the device number of the FCP subchannel that provides access to the SCSI boot disk. i (5021 00: HCPLDI2816I Acquiring the machine loader from the processor controller. 00: HCPLDI2817I Load completed from the processor controller. 00: HCPLDI2817I Now starting the machine loader. 00: MLOEVL012I: Machine loader up and running (version 0.18). 00: MLOPDM003I: Machine loader finished, moving data to final storage location. Linux version 2.6.16-18.x.20060403-s390xdefault (wirbser@t2944002) (qcc version 4.1.0) #1 SMP PREEMPT Mon Apr 3 09:56:54 CEST 2006 We are running under VM (64 bit mode) Detected 4 CPU's Boot cpu address 0 Built 1 zonelists Kernel command line: dasd=e960-e962 root=/dev/sda1 ro noinitrd zfcp.device=0.0.3d21, 0x500507630300c562,0x401040ee0000000

SCSI dump



- Dump memory of one LPAR to disk for problem analysis
- Similar to VMDUMP and dump to DASD
- SCSI dump supported for LPARs and as of z/VM 5.4
- Preparation summary:
 - large SCSI disk (at least system memory + 11 MB)
 - fdisk /dev/sda
 - mke2fs /dev/sda1
 - mount /dev/sda1 /mnt
 - zipl -D /dev/sda1 -t /mnt
 - umount /mnt



SCSI dump from HMC



- Select CPC image for LPAR to dump
- Goto Load panel
- Issue SCSI dump
 - FCP device ID
 - WWPN
 - LUN

▼ Load	
CPC:	T63
Image:	T63LP22
Load type	○ Normal ○ Clear ○ SCSI ● SCSI dump
Store status	
Load address	* <mark>4B49</mark>
Load parameter	
Time-out value	60 to 600 seconds
Worldwide port name	5005076305194786
Logical unit number	40FB400300000000
Boot program selector	0
Boot record logical block address	0
Operating system specific load parameters	
OK Reset Cancel Help	



SCSI dump under z/VM



- SCSI dump from z/VM is supported as of z/VM 5.4
- Issue SCSI dump

#cp cpu all stop

#cp cpu 0 store status

#cp ipl 4b49 dump

• To access the dump, mount the dump partition







- N_Port Identifier Virtualization (NPIV) is a Fibre Channel facility allowing multiple WWPNs to share a single physical WWPN.
 - without NPIV: one WWPN for FCP channel
 - with NPIV: unique WWPN for each FCP subchannel
- enables
 - proper zoning in SAN fabrics
 - proper LUN masking in storage devices
- security
- access control



NPIV – Unique SAN Identities!





SAN zoning with NPIV



Different Linux guests in different zones



LUN masking with NPIV



Storage server can identify Linux guests via WWPNs





NPIV requirements





- NPIV is available on System z servers.
 - FICON Express 2 adapter running with MCL003 on EC J99658
- z/VM
 - z/VM 5.2 or 5.3
 - z/VM 5.1 with the PTF for APAR VM63744
- Linux Distribution
 - Currently SLES9 SP3/4, SLES10, RHEL5, SLES 11
- NPIV-Capable Switch
 - only required for switch adjacent to System z

NPIV: Do's and don'ts



- Do not use more than 32 FCP devices per physical channel in NPIV mode.
- Zone each NPIV WWPN individually. This can reduce fabric traffic.
- Multipathing remains mandatory (performance and availability).
- Enable NPIV on the SAN switch before enabling it on the System z9 server.
- Be aware that each login from a NPIV-mode FCP device into a storage subsystem counts as a separate host login. There are limits at storage side.
- Switches typically limit the number of supported N_Port IDs.
- Some switches limit the number of N_Port IDs that can be assigned to a physical port.
- FCP microcode MCL003 on EC J99658 requires a special activation procedure. All FCP PCHIDs should be configured off before activating the MCL.



Device Support



IBM I/O connectivity website

http://www-03.ibm.com/systems/z/connectivity/products/fc.html

http://www-03.ibm.com/systems/support/storage/config/ssic/displayesssearchwithoutjs.wss

Switches	Disks	Таре
IBM	IBM DS8000	IBM 3590 drive
Brocade	IBM DS6000	IBM 3592 drive
Cisco	IBM XIV	IBM 3494 libr.
CNT	IBM SVC	IBM 3584 libr.
McData		IBM TS 7510
	Vendor Disks*	Vendor Devices & libraries *

* if Vendor & Software support the attachment





Summary of FCP



- available for IBM zSeries and System z
- based on existing Fibre Channel infrastructure
- runs on all available z/VM and RHEL/SLES versions
- integrates System z into standard SANs
- connects to switched fabric or point-to-point
- multipathing for SCSI disks is mandatory
- SCSI tape is the only tape attachment supported by Backup/Archive middleware such as TSM
- gives you new storage device choices
- usually performs better than FICON
- buys you flexibility at the cost of complexity
- tooling available, receiving better integration

ECKD and SCSI Comparison



	ECKD DASD	SCSI Disk	
Configuration	IOCDS/VM (operator)	IOCDS/VM & SAN & Linux (operator & SAN admin & Linux admin)	
Access Method	SSCH/CCW	QDIO	
Block Size (Byte)	512, 1K, 2K, 4K	512	
Disk Size	3390 Model 3/9/27/54	any	
Formatting (low level)	dasdfmt	not necessary	
Partitioning	fdasd	fdisk	
File System	mke2fs (or others)		
Access	mount		



More Information



I/O Connectivity on IBM zSeries mainframe servers: www.ibm.com/systems/z/connectivity/ Supported Attachments of IBM Storage to IBM Servers www-03.ibm.com/systems/support/storage/config/ssic/displayesssearchwithoutjs.wss Linux on zSeries: Fibre Channel Protocol Implementation Guide www.redbooks.ibm.com/redpapers/pdfs/redp0205.pdf How to use FC-attached SCSI devices with Linux on System z download.boulder.ibm.com/ibmdl/pub/software/dw/linux390/docu/l26cts00.pdf Linux for IBM System z www.ibm.com/developerworks/linux/linux390/ Linux for IBM System z Device Drivers Book and other documentation www.ibm.com/developerworks/linux/linux390/october2005 documentation.html





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Backing up data using TSM?



* "stand-alone" Linux backup solution, no assistance from z/OS required

* TSM supports many SCSI tape devices, including OEM devices (System z only supports SCSI tape devices from IBM so far)

 both TSM client and TSM server are available for Linux on System z



Multipathing for IBM tapes (1)





Multipathing for IBM tapes (2)



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Multipathing for IBM tapes (3)



Multipathing provided by IBM tape device driver lin_tape (formerly IBMtape)

- Supported together with tape drive
- Capable of failover and failback, no load balancing
- Does not cover data mirroring

responsibility of backup and media management applications



Multipathing for IBM tapes (4)



Setup:

enable via module parameter in /etc/modprobe.conf.local options lin_tape alternate_pathing=1 attach all paths to tape drive

